

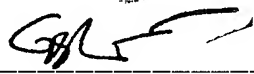
Appl. No. 10/820,011
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REMARKS

There are thirty-five (35) claims pending in the present application. The examiner alleges that the pending claims belong to two inventions that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. More specifically, claims 1-21 and 25-34 form Group I; and claim 22-24 and 35 forms Group II. Therefore, the examiner requires an election of one Group for further prosecution.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement because all claims could be examined as a whole without incurring extra-burdens upon the examiner. However, as required by the law, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I defined by claims 1-21 and 25-34. As for the further election of species, Applicants respectfully traverse this election because all species are for the same purpose. However, as required by the law, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species 1, claims 1-21.

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